

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

Claims 1-148 were pending in the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner has found that there are allegedly three distinct inventions in the above-identified patent application and has required restriction to one of those inventions, as follows:

- I. Claims 1-26, 50-74, 98-122 and 146-148, drawn to an interactive program guide with a partial screen display, in which at least one or more VOD listings are displayed, a user selects a program, which is then immediately displayed, classified in class 725, subclass 87.
- II. Claims 27-41, 75-89 and 123-137, drawn to an interactive program guide, in which at least one or more VOD listings are displayed, a user may advance order a VOD program wherein the start time is not a predetermined start time, classified in class 725, subclass 97.
- III. Claims 42-49, 90-97, and 138-145, drawn to an interactive program guide, in which at least one or more VOD listings are displayed, an indicator is displayed along with the VOD program listing to indicate the presence of a video clip preview, a user may request the preview, classified in class 725, subclass 41.

Applicant's Response

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the invention of Group I (claims 1-26, 50-74, 98-122 and 146-148)

for examination in the above-identified patent application.

Applicant hereby respectfully reserves the right to pursue the inventions of the non-elected groups, as originally claimed, in one or more divisional applications.

A prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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